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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 0070

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, ML, UV

SUBJECT: MALI/UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

REF: OUAGA 69

1. IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT OF MEDIATION COMMISSION,  
FRENCH AMBASSADOR BLANC TELLS ME THAT GOF HAS NOT YET  
RECEIVED REQUEST FROM COMMISSION FOR MAPS AND DOCUMENTS  
WHICH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING HAD OFFERED TO TRANS-  
MIT TO COMMISSION (LOME 0028).

2. BLANC SAID THAT SOME OF DOCUMENTS WHICH COULD HELP  
COMMISSION ARE IN DAKAR, OTHERS IN PARIS, AND SOME IN  
AIX-EN-PROVENCE WHERE COLONIAL ARCHIVES ARE KEPT. HE  
ADDED THAT SINCE BOTH VOLTANS AND MALIANS ARE RELA-  
TIVELY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH DOCUMENTS AND MAPS ON WHICH  
THEY BASE THEIR RESPECTIVE CLAIMS, IT SHOULD NOT BE TOO  
DIFFICULT FOR COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY THOSE THAT ARE  
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NEEDED FOR ITS INVESTIGATION.

3. COMMENTING ON GISCARD'S MESSAGE TO EYADEMA, BLANC SAID THAT GOF HAD BEEN SURPRISED AND CHAGRINED AT INTENSITY OF ANTI-FRENCH FEELING IN UPPER VOLTA FOLLOWING BORDER INCIDENTS WITH MALI, AND HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE GESTURE WHICH WOULD NOT UNDULY ANTAGONIZE MALIANS. CREATION OF MEDIATION COMMISSION HAD GIVEN GISCARD AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY.  
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